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Applicant elects to prosecute in this Patent Application Group I (i.e., Claims 1-21), directed to an apparatus for cutting food products. In accordance with this election, Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figs 1A-3. Applicant urges that Claims 1-21 read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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